[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.]

(*c*) Six months and 24 days till 23-2-1110.
(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).
(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).
(*f*) Information is not available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether there is a special list of acting claims for the Training School alone?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Temporary lists are periodically drawn up by the Divisional Inspector for the Training School at Quilon.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the priortiy of claims for appointment is according to each special list prepared for separate institutions or from the list for the whole District?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Each District has got its own list of acting appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Not each institution?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Out of the District list, the acting list for the Training School is drawn up by the Divisional Inspector.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Director will be pleased to enquire whether the list kept separately for the Training School and the acting list for the whole District are different or the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I shall be glad to make further enquiries in the matter.

Functions and duties of the Village Panchayats.

375. ✻**MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the functions and duties of the Village Panchayat ;
(*b*) who the administrative head of the Panchayat is ;
(*c*) whether the Panchayat is given any hand in the execution and supervision of a work conducted in its jurisdiction ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The duties and functions of the Village Panchayats are given in Sections 16 and 17 of the Village Panchayat Regulation VII of 1100. The Panchayat may also have judicial functions as mentioned in Chapter IV of the Regulation.

(*b*) The Chairman of the Village Panchayat.

(*c*) Yes. Construction and maintenance of wells, tanks, cattle pounds, latrines, etc., are carried out by Panchayats.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know from Government whether the Village Panchayats and Panchayat Courts are the same or whether there is any difference in their functions?

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RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is difference. Village Prnchayat Courts are courts and the Village Panchayats do not at present exercise the functions of courts.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether the Village Panchayats are exercising judicial functions or only Panchayat Courts?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At present Village Panchayats do not exercise any judicial functions.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the number of such Village Panchayats established in Travancore?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAM PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About seven or eight.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the conditions to be fulfilled for establishing a Village Panchayat?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Officers are consulted as to the necessity for establishing Village Panchayats in different places. On the recommendation of the District Officers, a few Village Panchayats have been started as an experimental measure to see how far they succeed.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether a Village Psnchayat will be established if there is a representation from the inhabitants of the locality?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When an application is received, it will be sent to the Division Peishkar who will make necessary enquiries; and, if he recommends, a Panchayat will be established.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know who controls such institutions?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Division Peishkar.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whethe these seven or eight Village Panchayats already established are working satisfactorily?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are doing some work, but it is too early to say that they are a complete success. My information is that they are working fairly satisfactorily.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Then may I know why the Government keep the Village Panchayat Regulation which was passed a dozen years ago?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seven or eight institutions were started only quite recently, and Government want to wait for some more time to see how they work before they proceed to institute more Panchayats.

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